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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
John C. Reed)

Serial No: 09/388,221)

Filed: September 1, 1999)

For: NOVEL CARD PROTEINS)
INVOLVED IN CELL DEATH)
REGULATION)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Official Action mailed August 1,
2000, entry of the following amendments and remarks is
respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3 and 29.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 8, and 38 as follows:

Sub B1
A' 1. (Amended) Isolated nucleic acid encoding a NB-ARC and
CARD containing protein (NAC), or [functional fragments]
complements thereof, selected from: